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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 5, lines 1-3, please replace with the following:

 R_2 and R_4 are each independently selected from $(R)_{\alpha}(CH_2)_{\beta}R'$ and $(R)_{\alpha}[(CH_2)_{\gamma} O]_{\delta}R'$ (wherein, R is CO, CO₂, O, OCO, or OCO₂, R' is O, CO₂, or OCO₂, α is 0 or 1, β is 0 to 5, γ is 1 or 2, and δ is 1 to 5, but if R and R' are both O, then β is not 0);

On page 6, lines 3-5, please replace with the following:

 R_2 and R_4 are each independently selected from $(R)_{\alpha}(CH_2)_{\beta}R'$ and $(R)_{\alpha}[(CH_2)_{\gamma} O]_{\delta}R'$ (wherein, R is CO, CO₂, O, OCO, or OCO₂, R' is O, CO₂, or OCO₂, α is 0 or 1, β is 0 to 5, γ is 1 or 2, and δ is 1 to 5, but if R and R' are both O, then β is not 0);

On page 7, lines 1-2, please replace with the following:

OCO₂, α is 0 or 1, β is 0 to 5, γ is 1 or 2, and δ is 1 to 5, but if R-and R'-are both O, then β is not θ); R_{15} is a hydroxyl group; R_{17} is a one having carboxyl group;